

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Peter M. Bonutti    Attorney Docket No: 780-A04-012-1A  
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For: **LIMITED INCISION TOTAL JOINT  
REPLACEMENT METHODS**    Examiner: Elana Beth Fisher

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE  
AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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**Introductory Comments**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed October 4, 2010, Applicant requests continued examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file for the above-identified application.

In accordance with USPTO practice, each section of this Response begins on a separate sheet. Applicant submits, this response serves to clarify the present invention, and is independent of patentability.